# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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TRENDS IN COTTON PRODUCTION
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the trends in cotton production area per hectare produce of cotton, domestic demand, import and export of cotton;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise during the last five years and their comparison with main cotton producing countries of the world;

(c) the details of policy measures taken in the recent past to increase per hectare yield of cotton and ensure fair return to cotton producers; and

(d) the details of action plan finalized to increase cotton production and per hectare yield to meet the global competition?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Government of India continuously review the trend in cotton production,Import and Export particularly through Cotton Advisory Board in the Ministry of Textiles.

The details of area, production and yield for the five years i.e. from 1996-97 to 2000- 2001 in major cotton growing states is enclosed. There has been fluctuation mainly due to attack by diseases and pests as well as unfavorable weather conditions prevailed in various parts of the country. The productivity in the country is almost half of the world average and much less than many cotton growing countries like USA, China, Turkey and Egypt.

(c) & (d): The Government of India has launched Technology Mission on Cotton toincrease the production and quality of cotton. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research isevolving technologies for enhancing production while Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is involved in the transfer of technology and developmental activities through the implementation of Intensive Cotton Development Programme. Through this programme, assistance is given to the states for the transfer of technologies through demonstration and trainings as well as supply of critical inputs like supply of seeds, sprayers, sprinklers, drip irrigation system, pheromone traps and bio-agents. The Ministry of Textiles is making efforts for the improvement of market infrastructure and modernization of ginning and pressing factories so that quality of cotton is improved.

Besides above the Government of India announces Minimum Support Price annuallyand in the event of fall of price, the Cotton Corporation India in the Ministry of Textiles purchases at Minimum Support Price. Further more to protect the interest of the farmers, export of cotton has been liberalized and import duty has been increased from 5% to 10%.

STATE-WISE AREA, PRODUCTION AND YIELD OF COTTON

A:area in lakh Ha.,P: production in lakh bales and Y: Lint yield in Kg per Ha.

| STATE | | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 | 99-2000 | 2000-2001 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | A | 10.15 | 9.06 | 12.81 | 10.39 | 10.22 |
| | P | 18.78 | 13.2 | 15.22 | 15.95 | 16.63 |
| | Y | 315 | 248 | 202 | 261 | 277 |
| Gujarat | A | 14.84 | 15.19 | 16.58 | 15.39 | 16.15 |
| | P | 26.57 | 31.8 | 39.03 | 20.86 | 11.61 |
| | Y | 304 | 356 | 400 | 230 | 122 |
| Haryana | A | 6.52 | 6.38 | 5.82 | 5.44 | 5.55 |
| | P | 15.07 | 11.29 | 8.73 | 13.04 | 13.83 |
| | Y | 393 | 301 | 255 | 408 | 424 |
| Karnataka | A | 6.68 | 4.99 | 6.36 | 5.46 | 5.60 |
| | P | 9.32 | 7.21 | 9.77 | 6.64 | 9.80 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Y | 237 | 246 | 261 | 207 | 298 |
| Madhya Pradesh | A | 5.19 | 5.15 | 4.97 | 4.88 | 5.06 |
| | P | 4.24 | 5.09 | 4.29 | 4.17 | 2.38 |
| | Y | 139 | 168 | 147 | 145 | 80 |
| Maharasthra | A | 30.85 | 31.39 | 31.99 | 32.54 | 30.77 |
| | P | 31.43 | 17.53 | 26.19 | 30.99 | 18.03 |
| | Y | 173 | 95 | 139 | 162 | 100 |
| Orissa | A | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.38 | 0.40 |
| | P | 0.3 | 0.36 | 0.53 | 0.61 | 0.65 |
| | Y | 319 | 278 | 311 | 273 | 276 |
| Punjab | A | 7.42 | 7.24 | 5.62 | 4.76 | 4.74 |
| | P | 19.25 | 9.37 | 5.95 | 9.52 | 11.99 |
| | Y | 441 | 220 | 180 | 340 | 430 |
| Rajasthan | A | 6.54 | 6.45 | 6.45 | 5.83 | 5.10 |
| | P | 13.63 | 8.67 | 8.72 | 9.84 | 8.05 |
| | Y | 354 | 229 | 230 | 287 | 268 |
| Tamil Nadu | A | 2.52 | 2.28 | 2.19 | 1.78 | 1.94 |
| | P | 3.3 | 3.58 | 4.06 | 3.39 | 3.25 |
| | Y | 223 | 267 | 315 | 324 | 285 |
| Uttar Pradesh | A | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.06 |
| | P | 0.07 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.05 |
| | Y | 149 | 151 | 194 | 146 | 142 |
| All-India | A | 91.21 | 88.68 | 93.42 | 87.09 | 85.76 |
| | P | 142.31 | 108.51 | 122.87 | 115.3 | 96.52 |
| | Y | 265 | 208 | 224 | 225 | 191 |